

MEETING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND PROCESS

[0001] Australian Provisional Application No. 2016902220, filed on Jun. 7, 2016, is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

TECHNICAL FIELD

[0002] The present invention relates to a management system and/or process for a meeting or conference. More particularly, the system allows for aspects of a meeting to be collated, summarised and ratified based on meeting participant input.

BACKGROUND

[0003] Businesses and committees, such as groups participating in community consultation or democracy exercises, are routinely required to attend meetings or conferences to discuss issues or discuss important topics. The typical goal of meetings is to achieve a potential solution to said issues, or resolve important discussion topics. However, while resolution to issues is typically a goal for meetings, this is not always achieved.

[0004] Commonly, meetings can divert from the issue or topic at hand and result in wasted time and issues continue to exist without a proposed solution or resolution. This can cause unnecessary delays and may result in additional expenditure due to mismanaged time.

[0005] In addition, it may also be difficult to have all desirable members for a meeting in a single location, have a common time in which all desirable members can meet. This can further cause delays to important projects or delay potential resolutions to outstanding issues.

[0006] While there are some known Voice over Internet Protocol (VoW) services which provide the ability to conduct a meeting from a number of different locations, such as Skype™ or Google Hangouts™, these systems require the members of the meeting to be online at the same relative time. These systems also have the traditional problems of conversations becoming side-tracked or may result in no clear resolution to an issue. Namely, conversations are not typically focused and are often difficult to summarise accurately or reach a consensus.

[0007] A further problem with traditional meetings is that members of the meeting may be overly verbose or focus on irrelevant issues which can result with a delay in finding a potential resolution for the issue or topic in the meeting. Further, it is difficult to manage the duration of a meeting and it becomes difficult to provide a comprehensive succinct summary of discussed issues and/or topics.

[0008] Any discussion of the prior art throughout the specification should in no way be considered as an admission that such prior art is widely known or forms part of common general knowledge in the field.

SUMMARY

Problems to be Solved

[0009] It may be advantageous to provide a system or method for a meeting which allows members of the meeting to attend at relatively different times.

[0010] It may be advantageous to provide a meeting system or method which encourages members of a meeting to produce a potential resolution or potential problem to an issue raised in a meeting.

[0011] It may be advantageous to provide a meeting system or method adapted to rule out potential solutions to an issue based on feasibility.

[0012] It may be advantageous to provide a meeting system or method adapted to rule out potential solutions to an issue based on at least one rule.

[0013] It may be an advantage to provide a system or method to identify logical relationships between solutions of meetings.

[0014] It may be an advantage to provide a system or method for enticing an individual to provide a suggestion for a solution and/or provide a summary for a meeting thread or agenda.

[0015] It may be an advantage to provide a system or method for a meeting which allows a meeting to happen not in real time.

[0016] It may be an advantage to provide a system or method for a meeting which provides a reward or incentive for providing constructive comments or providing a summary.

[0017] It may be an advantage to provide a system or method for a meeting which provides a reward or incentive for reducing the total amount of audio and/or video of a conversation for a summary.

[0018] It may be advantageous to provide a system to nudge members of a meeting to produce a potential solution or arrive at a resolution for a meeting thread.

[0019] It may be an advantage to provide a system which allows a meeting to progress without the need for a facilitator.

[0020] It is an object of the present invention to overcome or ameliorate at least one of the disadvantages of the prior art, or to provide a useful alternative.

Means for Solving the Problem

[0021] In one aspect of the present disclosure there may be provided a system for managing a meeting. The system comprising a server adapted for storing at least one data set. The server may be in communication with at least one user device, in which the system may be adapted to receive at least one input from at least one user for upload to the server. The input may generate at least one further data set which may be assigned to at least one thread of a discussion automatically by the server in which each of the at least one threads relate to a respective discussion. The at least one thread preferably comprises at least one comment, and wherein the system may be adapted to output a graphical display for at least a portion of the discussion based on the at least one input from the at least one user device, such that when a further thread for a discussion may be input, the system may generate a further thread for the discussion.

[0022] In one embodiment, the input from the at least one user device comprises at least one of; a further comment, a like, a dislike, and a vote. Preferably, at least one of the comment and the further comment comprises at least one of; audio data, video data, text data, images data, at least one document data set, and a web address. Preferably, each comment comprises at least one context item. Preferably, the system may be adapted to generate at least one track for a thread when a comment may be made by a user for a